

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

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ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The Franklin County Solid Waste District is holding its annual household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, September 23rd at GCC Main Campus and Orange Transfer Station.

Residents and businesses must pre-register between August 17 and September 15. During that time, online registration will be open: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html. Paper registration forms will be available at participating town offices, transfer stations, and in ads in the Greenfield Recorder.

The collection is free for residents of most member towns (see website for list). Businesses must pay for disposal costs. For business registration information, call (413) 772-2438.

This collection provides an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items that should not be put in the trash, such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, automobile batteries, and other household chemicals. For a complete list of acceptable items, see: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html.

Mercury-containing products such as thermometers, thermostats and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) should never be disposed of in the trash. At the 2017 Hazardous Waste Collection Event, only mercury-containing items such as thermostats and thermometers will be accepted; fluorescent bulbs will not be accepted at this collection. CFLs and other fluorescent bulbs are accepted at all municipal transfer stations. In addition, fluorescent light bulbs are accepted at Lowe's Stores (all types of fluorescents), and Home Depot (CFLs only).

Save the Date! The Fall "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Recycling Day is Saturday, October 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. Locations: Buckland Rec. Center, Northfield Highway Garage, Whately Transfer Station.

Residents from any District town may bring tires, appliances, scrap metal, mattresses, propane tanks, construction debris, and other large items.

Clean and dry (bagged) textiles and books accepted free for reuse or recycling. Bring bulky rigid plastics (less than 4 ft.) for special recycling program (\$5 per load: for acceptable items, see website or call). Materials will be recycled whenever possible.

Disposal fees at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html

Did you know? Staples accepts computer equipment (no TVs) free of charge: call store for details. Various charities and non-profits accept donations of <u>working</u> electronics, including local Salvation Army and Goodwill stores. Always call ahead to ask if they can accept your item.



Reduce trash by **composting**: "Earth Machine" compost bins (\$45) and "Sure-Close" compost pails (\$5) are available at the Solid Waste District office in Greenfield: call for hours. Cash or checks only.

For more information about recycling or these programs, contact the District office at (413) 772-2438; email info@franklincountywastedistrict.org; or visit: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org.

MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).

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